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The Energy and Technology Committee

To Committee,

As a result of reviewing information I received from the Sierra Club, I am writing to urge you to pass a strong SB 928. I agree with their message.

Connecticut needs more in-state clean energy to meet our renewable energy goals, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to prevent air pollution, and to power our economy by creating new jobs.

Even though I have a south-facing roof on my home and plenty of sunlight and want to install a solar system, I cannot because I do not pass the qualifications for the Solar Lease. My debt to income is too high because I still have mortgage payments. It is frustrating to want to save on my electric bill with solar, but am not able to due to financial circumstances.

SB 928, An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities, will establish a program to allow homeowners with shaded roofs, renters, condo dwellers, and business that lease space to participate as subscribers in a solar installation, or other shared clean energy facility, whether it's next door or across town. This may even work for someone like me until I can pay off my mortgage and get a solar system of my own.

More clean energy, produced in Connecticut, will add jobs to Connecticut's economy, reduce energy costs, clean up our air, reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and have positive public health impacts in communities burdened with poor air quality.

Everyone should have access to locally produced clean energy. Please pass SB 928, and make sure the final language is strong and effective.

Sincerely,

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